

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the abstract with the replacement paragraph as follows.

A method and apparatus for incremental seal wire activation, in one embodiment, is a method of sealing a seam of a bag. The method includes sealing a first side of the seam utilizing a first configuration. The method further includes vacuuming gases from the bag. The method also includes sensing a vacuum condition responsive to vacuuming the bag. The method further includes shifting to a second configuration. The method also includes sealing a second side of the seam utilizing the second configuration.